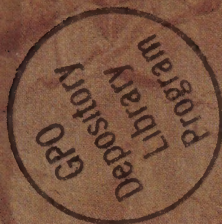


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**I**f you live in Hawaii or are visiting, take note: Federal law prohibits sending fresh fruits and vegetables to the U.S. mainland unless they are certified pest-free by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Don't mail or carry fresh produce out of Hawaii, or you can be fined up to \$1,000.

#### The Plant Quarantine

Act of 1912 and the Agricultural Enforcement Act of 1989 forbid mailing or shipping plants, fruits, vegetables, or other material

quarantined by USDA. This includes many of the fruits and vegetables grown in Hawaii because they can be hosts for tropical fruit flies—pests that can cause severe crop damage in other parts of the country. Controlling fruit fly infestations has cost American taxpayers more than \$200 million in the last 15 years.



**P**ineapples and coconuts can be sent fresh after USDA inspection, and papayas can be sent after approved treatment. Certified fruits are available through commercial outlets. But most agricultural products—including

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mangoes, guavas, passion fruit, star fruit, litchis, bananas, coffee berries, sugarcane, tomatoes, peppers, beans, longans, cabbage, malabar spinach, and greens—**MUST** be preserved before they can leave Hawaii for the mainland.

You can "Send Paradise Preserved" by mailing fruits that have been cooked, baked, canned, dried, stewed, or frozen. For recipes and suggestions on how to prepare island favorites, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service or the USDA office in Honolulu.

Questions? Call USDA 24-hour hotline on Oahu 541-1991.



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